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Deal announces \$33 million in transportation infrastructure project awards
18 governments and CIDs to receive GTIB grant and loan funding for nearly \$100 million in total project value

Gov. Nathan Deal today announced the approval of funding for 20 transportation infrastructure projects totaling \$33 million in grants and loans provided through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB). This represents the largest funding cycle for the GTIB program since its inception. The GTIB program is a revolving infrastructure investment fund established in 2008 by Georgia legislators and administered by the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA).

“The GTIB program is an important resource for community improvement districts and local governments seeking supplemental funding needed to move vital transportation projects forward,” Deal said. “The projects receiving awards today will not only enhance mobility in local communities, they will also keep Georgia’s business engine moving by improving access to retail and job centers throughout the state.”

Community improvement districts (CIDs), as well as local and state government entities are eligible for GTIB grant and loan funding. Final approval is made by the SRTA Board which is chaired by Deal.

This year, a record number of governments and CIDs applied for funds to jumpstart or complete 58 new projects. The awardees include: cities/towns — Atlanta, Braselton, Dunwoody, Flowery Branch, Gainesville, Johns Creek, Newnan, Sandy Springs and Tyrone; CIDs — Cumberland, Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Gwinnett Place, North Fulton, Red Top and Town Center Area; and counties — Athens-Clarke, Bartow, and Grady.

“To date, the GTIB program has provided more than \$50 million in funding to jumpstart or complete transportation projects with a total value of more than \$200 million,” said SRTA Executive Director Chris Tomlinson. “The increasing number of GTIB applicants illustrates the state’s commitment to partner with local communities and advance much needed transportation infrastructure improvements. SRTA is proud to assist in speeding up these impactful projects.”

Grant applications were ranked based on transportation/engineering merit, economic merit, local, state and federal matching funds and project specifics, such as the project phase and feasibility. Loan applications are evaluated based on borrower type, project type and loan spend down/repayment abilities, in addition to the merits of the project itself.

Below are a list of project descriptions for this round of GTIB funding:

COUNTIES – GTIB GRANTS

Athens-Clarke County

Mitchell Bridge Road Widening

In light of the increasingly heavy retail and commercial traffic volumes in this corridor, the Mitchell Bridge widening project will improve traffic movement, road quality, storm water drainage and pedestrian access. The project will widen Mitchell Bridge Road to three lanes, with one lane in each direction and a center two-way left turn lane from the Athens West Parkway entrance to the Publix shopping center. In addition, the corridor will be converted to an urban section roadway with a curb, and gutter. Drainage pipes will be added to accommodate the storm water. Sidewalks will also be extended and/or constructed along the entire corridor. The GTIB grant award is \$502,026.

Bartow County

Cass-White Road Improvement Project

This project will improve the eastern end of Cass White Road in unincorporated Bartow County, correcting existing geometric deficiencies, reducing crash frequency and severity, and providing efficient truck access within the area. The project will provide a grade separation over CSX Railroad and improve the intersection with US 411/SR 61. In addition, a horizontal alignment of the western end will be improved by eliminating substandard curves and constructing two 12-foot lanes with accompanying turn lanes, where warranted. This project will enhance mobility for industries in the area, as well as safety for vehicles accessing nearby school facilities. The GTIB grant award is \$2,360,000.

Grady County

Tired Creek Lake Roadway Improvements

Gainous Road, Cedar Springs Road, and State Park Road will be realigned and upgraded to better accommodate water flow and prevent flooding after the completion of damming that will create “Tired Creek Lake,” a recreation lake currently under construction. State Park Road will be upgraded with 1.4 miles of pavement and a properly sized cross drain, and a pre-stressed concrete bridge will be installed on Gainous Road to provide adequate space for water flows underneath. The GTIB grant award is \$1,200,000.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS – GTIB GRANTS

Cumberland Community Improvement District

Windy Hill Road I-75 Diverging Diamond Interchange

This innovative project is designed for vehicles to cross to the opposite sides of the road on the bridge when entering or exiting the freeway, eliminating the left-turn phases at the traffic signals. Improving the Windy Hill Road interchange will alleviate traffic congestion and facilitate better traffic flow, providing safer travel conditions for motorists and pedestrians. The GTIB grant award is \$2,400,000.

Fulton Industrial Boulevard Community Improvement District

Fulton Industrial Freight Mobility and Safety Improvements

This project encompasses several improvements which will address freight traffic deficiencies in the area and help economically revitalize this key industrial district. Improvements include turn radii modifications and median repair, way finding and gateway signage installation along I-20 EB and WB; turn lanes from Fulton Industrial Boulevard to Shirley Drive, turn radii and median modifications, pedestrian crossings and signals at the Shirley Drive/Fulton Industrial Boulevard intersection; and the realignment/new roadway construction at

Fulton Industrial Circle to tie into Commerce Drive at Fulton Industrial Boulevard. The GTIB grant award is \$398,900.

Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District

Intersection Improvements at Pleasant Hill Road, Venture Drive and Gwinnett Place Drive

This project will improve mobility access routes at Venture Drive through the Mall Corners development and the intersection with Gwinnett Place Drive. The improvements will allow for safer ingress and egress and improved vehicular mobility, safety and connectivity within the Gwinnett Place retail district. In addition, other planned improvements at the intersection of Venture Drive and Day Drive will improve sight distance, safety and level of service. The GTIB grant award is \$411,693.

North Fulton Community Improvement District

State Road 400 at County Road 9284/ Windward Parkway

These proposed Windward Parkway exit ramp improvements will enhance safety, mitigate east-west traffic congestion and provide quicker access to the regionally significant Windward Parkway jobs center on the west side of SR 400. The project will include the addition of a 500-foot exit lane from SR 400 to Windward Parkway, and the conversion of the existing northbound exit ramp from one to two lanes. The widening of Windward Parkway exit ramp will also be expanded from the existing double-left turn into a triple-left turn onto Windward Parkway westbound. A westbound lane between the northbound Windward Parkway exit ramp intersection and the Westside Parkway/ Deerfield Parkway intersection will also be added to accommodate the triple-left turn lanes and to improve east-west traffic operations. The GTIB grant award is \$2,783,200.

Red Top Community Improvement District

South Campus Connectivity Project

This project will help provide access to LakePoint, a \$1 billion state-of-the-art youth sports and entertainment mixed-use development. When completed, the project will create a new roadway connecting to State Route 293 within the facility's South Campus, providing the transportation infrastructure necessary to accommodate a projected 5 million annual visitors and more than 20,000 new jobs. The GTIB grant award is \$2,000,000.

Town Center Area Community Improvement District

South Barrett Reliever Phase II Roundabout

This project, which is the second phase of a three-phase multi-modal roadway project, will realign Barrett Lakes Boulevard at Shiloh Valley Drive with a roundabout design and improved approaches. The project will help mitigate congestion on Barrett Parkway and support regional transit and connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians by connecting US 41/Cobb Parkway to Barrett Parkway east of I-75. This will serve as an alternative, parallel east-west roadway. The GTIB grant award is \$1,200,000.

CITIES & TOWNS – GTIB GRANTS

City of Atlanta

Government Center Mobility Improvements

The project will make roadway and pedestrian improvements to city streets around Atlanta City Hall and State Capitol areas of Central Avenue, Washington Street, Trinity Avenue, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive. The improvements will be designed to complement the future plans for realignment of Capitol Avenue. This area of Atlanta experiences significant vehicle and pedestrian traffic as citizens visit public facilities, including city, county and state offices. The GTIB grant award is \$3,140,000.

Town of Braselton*Braselton Pkwy Extension*

The new roadway will extend Braselton Parkway from Jesse Cronic Road (in Jackson County) to State Route 211 (in Barrow County). The north end of the new roadway will align with the existing Braselton Parkway/Jesse Cronic Road intersection and then continue south paralleling I-85 from Jesse Cronic Road, crossing over the Mulberry River (bridge required) and intersecting with the existing intersection of SR 211 and Tour De France Drive (the main entrance to Chateau Elan). Several large employers are already located on the existing Braselton Parkway, and the new roadway will allow a more direct connection for trucks and workers heading south to SR 211 and connecting to I-85. The GTIB grant award is \$1,000,000.

City of Dunwoody*Tilly Mill at North Peachtree Intersection Improvement*

The proposed intersection enhancements will relieve congestion, enhance safety and improve bicycle and pedestrian access in the Tilly Mill/North Peachtree Road area. Improvements will include new turn lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks to all approaches of the Tilly Mill Road/North Peachtree Road intersection. The project will also include a new traffic signal at Peeler Road and North Peachtree Road. The GTIB grant award is \$784,000.

City of Flowery Branch*Lights Ferry Connector*

This new segment of roadway, long identified as a critical need, will connect major roads that abut downtown Flowery Branch, including Interstate 985, Atlanta Highway and McEver Road. The new “Lights Ferry Connector,” which includes a 140’ roundabout, will significantly improve traffic flow and safety for residents and visitors. A catalyst that furthers the goals of the recently adopted Redevelopment Plan, the project will encourage economic development in the downtown area while improving access to two major marinas – one of which is the country’s largest inland marina. The GTIB grant award is \$650,000.

City of Gainesville*SR 369 Intersection Improvements*

With a goal of improving mobility in a heavily traveled area, these improvements will add capacity along State Route 369 with the extension/construction of eastbound turn lanes at the State Route 11 and Auburn Avenue intersections and construction of a westbound right-turn lane at the West End Avenue intersection. The GTIB grant award is \$522,125.

City of Newnan*East Washington Street Ext (McIntosh Pkwy) – Phases I and II*

A new roadway, McIntosh Parkway, will be constructed to provide east-west connectivity in the City of Newnan. The new McIntosh Parkway will include a two-lane road with center left-turn lane from Farmer Street to Greison Trail and a four-lane, median-divided roadway east from Greison Trail ending at the Newnan Crossing Bypass. This project will also include a roundabout at Greison Trail. The new throughway, which will provide direct access to I-85 from downtown Newnan, will also create an increasingly important linkage between Newnan and Peachtree City. The GTIB grant award is \$1,754,400.

City of Sandy Springs*Windsor Parkway Realignment at State Route (SR) 9/Roswell Road*

This project will realign Windsor Parkway to the north of its current intersection and will include the addition of two westbound left turn lanes, one through-right turn lane and increased signal separation from West Wieuca Road. The project will improve safety, reduce travel delay and provide connectivity among adjacent land uses.

This will be accomplished through the removal of split-phase signal timing and the addition of turn lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. The GTIB grant award is \$750,000.

GTIB LOANS

City of Atlanta

Streetlight LED Conversion

The goal of this project is to reduce energy and maintenance costs and meet leading industry standards. This project proposes an initial conversion of 5 -10 percent of the city's existing HPS (high pressure sodium) and high pressure mercury streetlight bulbs to LED (light emitting diodes) bulbs, while also providing better lighting for pedestrians, vehicles, visitors and residents. The complete conversion to LED lights has a potential energy savings of 30 percent to 50 percent. The GTIB loan award is \$1,000,000.

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City of Johns Creek

Road Repair and Resurfacing (Residential)

This project seeks to improve mobility and safety, promote economic development and increase the quality of life and general welfare of the public by repairing and resurfacing public residential neighborhood streets within the City of Johns Creek to an acceptable level. The repairs also will stabilize neighborhood roads from further deterioration that would require a much larger expenditure in the future. The GTIB loan award is \$4,000,000.

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Town of Tyrone

1. Downtown (Castlewood/Senoia Roads) Rehabilitation Project

This project is a Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) of Castlewood Road, which will include widening, resurfacing and improving the existing sidewalk/path network for ADA compliance. There also will be a comprehensive resurfacing and intersection improvements to Senoia Road, as well as streetscape beautification to restore ambience to the historic downtown corridor. The GTIB loan award is \$2,465,000.

2. Town of Tyrone Road Safety Improvements

A right-turn lane from Tyrone-Palmetto Road (westbound) onto State Highway 74 (northbound) will be constructed to address intersection safety and traffic queuing at one of the busiest commercial intersections within the corporate limits of the Town of Tyrone. The GTIB loan award is \$165,000.

About SRTA

The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) is a state-level, independent Authority created by the Georgia General Assembly to operate tolled transportation facilities within the State and act as Georgia's transportation financing arm. Tracing its history back to 1953, SRTA has enabled user fees to be directed to important mobility links, including the original Sidney Lanier Bridge over the Brunswick River, the F.J. Torres Causeway "gateway" to the St. Simons' community, the GA 400 Extension facilitating commutes into Metro Atlanta, the current I-85 Express Lanes and future electronic toll lanes offering motorists a choice for more reliable travel times.

For information on the GTIB program including grant and loan applications, guidelines, terms and loan interest rates, visit the SRTA website at www.georgiatolls.com.

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